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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.		25X1
TOPIC <u>Gadow-Rossow Bomb Range</u>			
EVALUATION	<u>see below</u>	PLACE OBTAINED	<u>[redacted]</u>
DATE OF CONTENT	<u>29 August to 25 September 1952</u>	25X1	
DATE OBTAINED	<u>[redacted]</u>	DATE PREPARED	<u>26 November 1952</u>
REFERENCES	<u>[redacted]</u>		
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REMARKS <u>[redacted]</u>			
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SOURCE

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1. At 8:45 p.m. on 29 August 1952, four jet bombers, which could clearly be recognized, crossed Neuruppin at an altitude of 4,000 to 5,000 meters headed west. West of Neuruppin, the planes, with position lights switched on, turned to the northeast toward Gadow-Rossow bomb range. When the planes had reached the area north of Pfalzheim, source observed lights flashing up under the aircraft. The flash extended to the ground at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees. The jet bombers continued on their course until the bombs exploded, approached Neuruppin in a large circle and repeated the same practice. Eight bomb detonations were observed.¹ At 4:54 p.m. on 16 September, nine jet bombers approached Neuruppin from the west at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 meters leaving a vapor trail behind. They were headed west and were escorted by fighter planes. Over Neuruppin, the planes changed their course and flew toward Gadow-Rossow. Over the bomb range, they dropped their bombs simultaneously without changing formation. After the bombs had been released, the escorting fighter planes individually left the formation heading north.²

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2. At 2:30 p.m. on 29 September, source observed over the Schweinrich troop training grounds two MiG-15s fitted with two auxiliary fuel tanks under each wing at an altitude of about 300 meters. The planes apparently came from Wittstock airfield. The auxiliary fuel tanks did not differ in their figuration from those observed before one third of their length projected beyond the leading edges of the wings. Source did not notice whether the auxiliary fuel tanks were painted different colors.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. Information on these four jet bombers which crossed Neuruppin airfield was reported previously. [redacted] The type of bomb release mentioned in the present report was observed for the first time. A discharge of rocket weapons is out of the question, because the aircraft would have to dive at the target. It is therefore believed that the bombs were fitted with an illuminant charge so as to enable the bombardier to observe the bombs after release.

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. This joint exercise held by bomber and fighter aircraft was reported previously. [] This exercise was probably held in connection with army maneuvers in the Rathonow area.
- 25X1 3. [] Jet fighters fitted with two auxiliary fuel tanks under each wing were previously observed only once in April 1952 at Puetnitz airfield. The information was not disseminated, []
- 25X1 [] The present report tends to confirm that MiG-15s are designed to be fitted with a total of four auxiliary fuel tanks.

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